



# The Path to Flyer Success

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

# How do your students define success?



- Making friends.
- Doing well in classes.
- Figuring out a major.
- Finding a career path...and a job!
- Getting involved in activities and programs.
- Finding out who they are and what matters to them.
- Getting outside of their comfort zone.
- Getting on the Dean's list.
- Passing every class.

**Ultimately,  
success is  
graduation!**

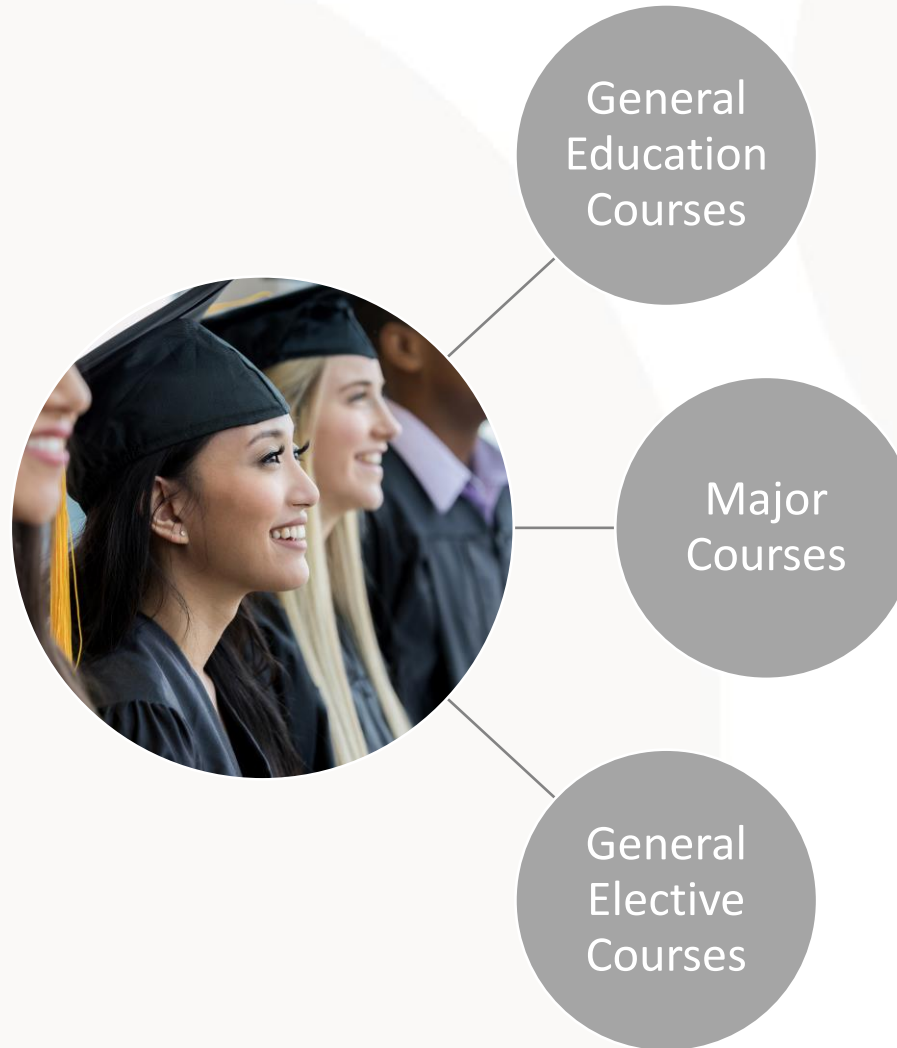
# What does it take to reach the goal?



1. Complete the General Education Requirements.
2. Achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 and at least a 2.00 GPA in the major (or the required GPA of the major if different).
3. Complete the requirements of an approved major.
4. Earn a minimum of **128** credit hours in courses acceptable for graduation.\*
5. Complete the last semester of coursework and at least 32 hours at Lewis University, as well as at least four upper-division courses in the major and at least two upper-division courses in any minor.
6. Complete any special requirements of their respective college and the major taken within the college.

\*Students consult the university catalog for total required credit hours needed to graduate, link below.

# What makes up the 128 credit hours?



\*Students must consult the Lewis University Catalog & Degree works to confirm total hours required and additional requirements to graduate. [Click here](#) to view the catalog.

# Let's break this down.



- Most courses are 3 credit hours.
  - 1 credit hour workshops, labs and field experiences also are offered.
- 128 credit hours = Approx. 43 courses
- To earn credit hours for a course, students need a certain grade. If they do not earn that grade they will have to re-take the course to earn the credit.
  - General Education Courses
  - Major Courses
  - Electives
- Students must maintain a certain grade point average each semester.
  - 0-33 credit hours = Minimum 1.75 GPA
  - 34-50 credit hours = Minimum 1.90 GPA
  - 51+ credit hours = Minimum 2.00 GPA

# The Importance of the First Year



- Earn at least a 2.5 GPA.
  - One Example: Two B's, Three C's and One A\*
- Earn an A or B in Cornerstone Seminar.
- Earn all attempted credit hours in the first year.
- Explore and declare a major.
- Find 1-2 connection points.

# Important Weeks of the Semester



- **Week 1** Add/Drop Period
- **Week 2** No Show Reporting Period
- **Week 8** Midterm Time
- **Week 10** Last Day to Withdraw
- **Week 12** **Registration Week**
- **Week 16** Finals Week

# Sample Path to Graduation



Year	Semester	Credits Earned	Total Earned for the Year	Grade Point Average
Freshmen	Fall	16		
	Spring	15		
	*Summer*		31 of 128	2.0
Sophomore	Fall	15		
	Spring	15		
	*Summer*	<b>3</b>	33 (64 of 128)	
Junior	Fall	18		2.5
	Spring	15		
	*Summer*		33 (97 of 128)	2.75
Senior	Fall	16		
	Spring	15	31 ( <b>128 of 128</b> )	3.00

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# What if things don't go as planned?



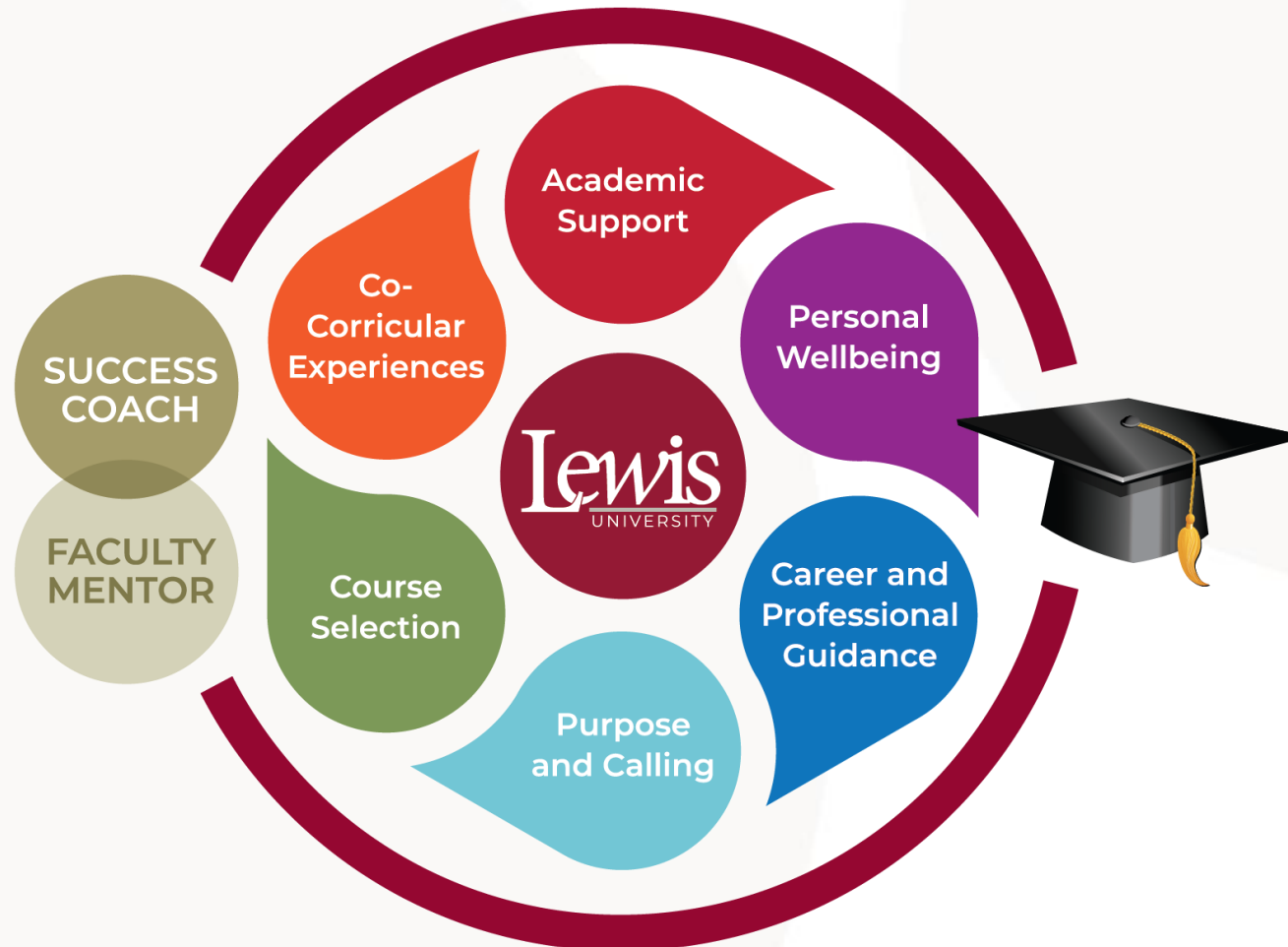
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**First, remember there is always a path forward.**

**Second, tell your student to talk with their Success Coach.**

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# Beyond Advising: The Flyer Success Network



# Additional Academic Support



- Peer to Peer Tutoring
- Writing Center
- Program Study Tables
- Speech & Presentation Lab
- Library & Research Support
- Student-Athlete Academic Support
- Disabilities Support Services
- Plus, all our professors!



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# How can parents and families support?

- Give students time to get settled and adjusted to Lewis.
- Encourage your student to set first year goals.
- Celebrate the wins and reassure your student all will be well during difficult times.
- Remind students of all the people here at Lewis to help them and normalize getting help and support.
- Try not to doubt your student even if times get tough!
- Remember – [www.lewisu.edu/academicsupport](http://www.lewisu.edu/academicsupport) and we are just a phone call away at (815) 836-5593.



**Thank you and all the best to  
you and your student this year!**